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For: TRASH BAGS WITH NARROWING SEALS
TO FACILITATE GRIPPING

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks for entry into the record of the U.S. Patent Application identified above, and requests that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the drawings are set forth on page 8 of this Response, as presented in the Appendix as a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this Response.

Also submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time and associated fee to extend the time for response for one month from August 3, 2004 to and including September 3, 2004.